

U.S. CONGRESS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 15, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, Capitol Building, Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As of this date, I here-
by submit my resignation as a member of
the Veterans' Affairs Committee for the fol-
lowing reason.

Due to the time restraints and heavy work
load associated with Banking and Financial
Services, along with the Science Commit-
tees, I do not have adequate time to meet
the demanding work load associated with the
duties required of the Veterans' Affairs Com-
mittee in a satisfactory manner.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your time and
consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

STEVE STOCKMAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without
objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, by direc-
tion of the Republican Conference, I
offer a privileged resolution, House
Resolution 89, and ask for its imme-
diate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as fol-
lows:

Resolved, That the following named Mem-
ber be, and is hereby, elected to the Commit-
tee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-
resentatives: Representative Dan Schaefer of
Colorado.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE AP- POINTMENTS, NOTWITHSTAND- ING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask
unanimous consent that notwithstanding
any adjournment of the House until
Tuesday, February 21, 1995, the Speak-
er and the minority leader be author-
ized to accept resignations and to
make appointments authorized by law
or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there
objection to the request of the gen-
tleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask
unanimous consent that the business
in order under the Calendar Wednesday
rule be dispensed with on Wednesday
next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there
objection to the request of the gen-
tleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the Presi-
dent of the United States was commu-
nicated to the House by one of his sec-
retaries.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our
Contract With America states the fol-
lowing:

On the first day of Congress, a Re-
publican House will: Require Congress
to live under the same laws as every-
one else; cut committee staffs by one-
third; and cut the congressional budg-
et. We have done this.

It goes on to state that in the first
100 days, we will vote on the following
items: A balanced budget amendment—
we have done this; unfunded mandates
legislation—we have done this; line-
item veto—we have done this; a new
crime package to stop violent crim-
inals—we have done this; and national
security restoration to protect our
freedoms—we have done this.

In the next 50 days or so we will pass
welfare reform to encourage work, not
dependence; family reinforcement to
crack down on deadbeat dads and pro-
tect our children; tax cuts for families
to lift Government's burden from mid-
dle-income Americans; Senior Citizens'
Equity Act to allow our seniors to
work without Government penalty;
Government regulatory reform; com-
monsense legal reform to end frivolous
lawsuits; and congressional term limits
to make Congress a citizen legislature.
This is our Contract With America.

AMERICA NO LONGER NEEDS STAR WARS

(Ms. LOFGREN asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend her re-
marks and include extraneous mate-
rial.)

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, many
Congressmen more senior than I have
expressed concern that a topic as seri-
ous as the revision of the laws and pro-
cedures governing the national secu-
rity of the United States deserved more
than a day and a half of debate. I agree,
and last night, after I was recognized
to offer an amendment, I was cut off
and not allowed to do so.

Consideration of my proposal was
prohibited by the majority, but I want
to let the American people know what
my proposal was.

Many people back home in my dis-
trict have expressed total amazement
to me that we would even consider re-
sumption of the star wars missile de-
fense program. We all remember when
the Berlin Wall fell and the cold war
ended. In light of that fact, why would
we want to spend \$30 to \$60 billion on
star wars now? We've already spent \$30
billion and we have nothing to show for
it.

With the cold war over, it is time
American families get something con-
crete and useful for their tax dollars.

For the same amount of money that
we would spend on star wars, we could
extend the school day to 5 p.m. for

every child in America. That would be
useful to the families that I represent
and to families across the country.
Working parents could stop worrying
about their kids at loose ends, unsuper-
vised from the time school is out until
their weary parents return home from
work.

And wouldn't this help our country
immeasurably? We will not be competi-
tive in the global economy unless to-
day's children become the best edu-
cated and most productive work force
of the future.

We should take the money we would
spend on star wars and extend the
school day in America to 5.

We do not need star wars—but we do
need today's children to become the
rocket scientists of the future.

I include for the RECORD a copy of my
amendment, as follows:

Amendment to H.R. 872, as Reported Offered
by Ms. Lofgren

Page 11, line 12, strike "Title II—Missile
Defense" and all that follows through page
13, line 1, and insert in lieu thereof the fol-
lowing:

TITLE II—EXTENSION OF SCHOOL DAY
FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION IN AMERICA.

SEC. 201. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the increasing prevalence of single par-
ents and families with two working parents
has forced many of our Nation's children to
be at home without supervision after school;

(2) performance of our Nation's school-
children must increase markedly in the fu-
ture for our country to be competitive in the
global market;

(3) our economic competitors have signifi-
cantly longer school days, allowing for
greater learning and educational experiences
for a child, and making for a higher level of
literacy and education in the general popu-
lation; and

(4) our nation's priorities should focus on
the needs of children and of working fami-
lies.

SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL DAY.

(1) To remain eligible for funding pursuant
to the Elementary and Secondary Education
Act a school must institute a policy whereby
its school day will last until 5 o'clock p.m.,
local time.

(2) In instituting a policy extending the
lateness of its school day, no school may
begin its school day later than 9 o'clock
a.m., local time.

(3) The Secretary of Education shall estab-
lish a formula grant program to provide
funds to States to carry out section 1 above.

SEC. 203. FUNDING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of
this Act, of the funds available to the De-
partment of Defense, \$49,000,000,000 shall be
made available to the Department of Edu-
cation to carry out this title.

ANOTHER HOLE PUNCHED IN THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, as
Members know, the country voted in